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Competition Authority Clears Acquisition of AHT Group by Bridgepoint

The Competition Authority has cleared the proposed acquisition of control of Cool Holding GmbH together with its subsidiaries by Bridgepoint Advisers Group Limited. The transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002 on 16 September 2013.

The Authority has formed the view that the proposed transaction will not substantially lessen competition in any market for goods or services in the State. The companies have been informed of the decision. The Authority will publish a public version of the reasons for its determination on its website (www.tca.ie) no later than 29 November 2013 after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information is removed from the published version.

Notes

Bridgepoint is a European based private equity firm with investments in various sectors and in various countries within Europe. Within the State Bridgepoint is active through 21 of its portfolio companies which generate revenue in sectors as diverse as fashion retailing, chemical manufacturing, sports management, aerospace components, business services and media services.

The AHT Group is ultimately owned and controlled by Cool Holding GmbH and is a global provider of commercial refrigeration equipment, specifically plug-in coolers and freezers for supermarkets, ice-cream cabinets and food and beverage coolers to supermarket chains, global discounters, ice-cream producers and the drinks industry.

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